



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
COUNCILMAN
SCOTT H. PETERS

FIRST DISTRICT

May 4, 2005

Dear Resident:

I am sorry that you and your family suffered damage to your home and property during the rain storms that plagued San Diego during the past few months. I had the opportunity to visit homes and families affected by the rains and committed at that time I would work to ensure that the City would do whatever it could to get people back to their homes as soon as possible.

As you may know, the City of San Diego and the State of California have proclaimed a local state of emergency for San Diego County for the period of December 27, 2004 – January 11, 2005 and February 12-24, 2005. Presently, local officials are still working to secure much needed federal assistance for our City. We are continuing to monitor the status of an individual assistance declaration from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and will update you when definitive information is available.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that on April 19, 2005, the Mayor and the San Diego City Council approved my proposal to waive all building permit fees and allowing for ministerial permits for rebuilding of homes and exterior structures that were red or yellow tagged during the January and February state of emergency periods. The City's Development Services Department (DSD) has opened a 2005 Storm Hotline to assist you with all permitting issues. You can reach DSD at (619) 446-5135 or dsdstormrecovery@sanidiego.gov.

In addition, tipping fee waivers at the City of San Diego Landfill have been approved as well. Please contact Chris Gonaver, Deputy Director of Environmental Services, at (858) 573-1212 for more information. Retroactive reimbursement is also available with receipt of the permit for work related to the storms.

Thank you for your understanding and patience regarding these City fee and federal assistance issues. I look forward to keeping you up to date concerning the City, State and Federal Government response to the storms. You can also visit the Storm Update section of my web site at www.sandiego.gov/cdl and please remember that you can always reach my office for assistance at (619) 236-6611.

Sincerely,

Scott H. Peters

